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For:    SMART CARD READER MODULE             )

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Please preliminarily amend the above-referenced U.S. application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 27, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The smart card is preferably a subscriber identification module (SIM).--

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